



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Tri-City Drug Task Force and the Nebraska State Patrol announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Fernando Contreras was sentenced to 130 months imprisonment by the Honorable Laurie Smith-Camp, United States District Judge, following his conviction for Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute more than 500 grams of Methamphetamine. Contreras was ordered to serve 5 years of supervised release following her release from incarceration and pay a \$100 Special Assessment.

On February 4, 2010, Contreras was stopped by the Nebraska State Patrol in Gibbon, NE, and was found in possession of an amount of methamphetamine. In a post-arrest interview, Contreras admitted his involvement in distributing multiple ounces of methamphetamine in the Gibbon, NE, area. After his arrest, four cooperating witnesses were located who stated that they had been dealing methamphetamine with Contreras in the Gibbon area, dating back to August of 2008 in amounts totaling more than 5 kilograms.

Name of Defendant: Fernando Contreras

AKA:

AGE: 35

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute more than 50 grams of methamphetamine. 10 years-life imprisonment, \$4,000,000 fine, 5 years supervised release, and \$100 Special Assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Gibbon, Ne.

Location of Arrest: Gibbon, Ne.

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: More than 5 kilograms of Methamphetamine.

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: August of 2008 through February of 2010

Federal Arrest Date: April 22, 2010

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: April 21, 2010

Initial Appearance Date: May 4, 2010

Plea Date(s): August 31, 2010

Sentencing Date: December 13, 2010

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Thomas D. Thalken

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: on pre-trial release since May 4, 2010

In Continuous Custody Since: N/A

Assigned District Court Judge: Laurie Smith Camp

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